

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Application Approval Amendment for
Traffic Congestion Relief Program Project

RESOLUTION TAA-01-04,
Amending Resolution TA-00-02

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS the statute and guidelines require applicants to specify full and complete project applications, including scope, cost and schedule, financial plans and funding sources; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS on November 1, 2000, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved Resolution TA-00-02 authorizing \$1,000,000 for the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) for Project #32.3, Complete the Rail Line from Willits to Arcata (GC Section 14556.50, subparagraph (c), hereafter Project #32.3); and
- 1.4 WHEREAS the \$1,000,000 for Project #32.3 was for Phase 2 – Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS & E) activities to open the line to Federal Railroad Authority (FRA) Class I standards including storm damage repair and deferred maintenance, and contingent upon the following conditions:
 - NCRA to continue to work with Commission, Department, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other agencies to develop a full funding plan that is acceptable to all agencies, and
 - Allocation of funds will not be made until all agencies are satisfied with the final scope of work; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS NCRA has submitted an amended application requesting to use \$400,000, of the previously approved \$1,000,000, for Phase 1 – Environmental Studies and Permits activities, to complete a comprehensive assessment of the overall needs of the railroad for the segment referred to as “North of Willits”; and

- 1.6 WHEREAS the comprehensive assessment will consider the efforts needed to re-establish initial service to the line, upgrade where feasible to historic FRA Class II and Class III standards, and to complete cost effective stabilization strategies that will provide viable service and restore disaster eligibility to existing landslide areas.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the NCRA Project #32.3 application amendment to update the project schedule and revise the scope of work to \$400,000 for Phase 1 - Comprehensive Assessment and \$600,000 for Phase 2 – PS & E, for a total of \$1,000,000 for Project #32.3; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the conditions set forth under Resolution TA-00-02 are to remain in effect until such time as the Commission has accepted NCRA's "*Strategic Plan for Resumption of Viable Rail Service for California's North Coast*"; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to submittal of a request for funding for Phase 2 - PS & E activities, NCRA shall submit to Department and Commission staff, for review and approval, a design workplan for the "North of Willits" segment developed from the comprehensive assessment; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby approves the Traffic Congestion Relief Program application amendment, Resolution TAA-01-04, amending Resolution TA-00-02, revising the original application and allocation approval conditions of Project #32.3, Complete the Rail Line from Willits to Arcata.